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| THE REPLY FILED 16 September 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on this application, applicant must timely file one of the follow places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a No a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance time periods:  | the same day as filing a Notice of ving replies: (1) an amendment, aff tice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in ce with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply mu                  | Appeal. To avoid aba<br>idavit, or other evider<br>compliance with 37 C | nce, which<br>FR 41.31; or (3)          |  |  |  |  |
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| <ol> <li>The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in comp filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any exte a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed AMENDMENTS</li> </ol>  | nsion thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to  | avoid dismissal of th   | ns of the date of<br>ne appeal. Since   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, (a) They raise new issues that would require further co   | nsideration and/or search (see NO  |   | ecause                                  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>(b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo</li> <li>(c) They are not deemed to place the application in befappeal; and/or</li> </ul>  | ter form for appeal by materially re   |   | the issues for                          |  |  |  |  |
| (d) They present additional claims without canceling a<br>NOTE: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . (See 37 CFR 1.1   | 16 and 41.33(a)).  |   | •                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1   |  | mpliant Amendment   | (PTOL-324).                             |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be al non-allowable claim(s).   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  | ∐ will not be entered, or b) ∐ wi<br>vided below or appended.  | II be entered and an o  | explanation of                          |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected:  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE  8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).  | d sufficient reasons why the affidate  | vit or other evidence i   | s necessary and                         |  |  |  |  |
| 9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar  | overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appe<br>y and was not earlier presented. S  | al and/or appellant fa<br>See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(                          | ils to provide a  1)                    |  |  |  |  |
| 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered by  | it does into i place the application i   | ii condition for allowa   | nce pecause.                            |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).  13. Other:  | (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper N  | No(s)   |   |  |  |  |  |
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Continuation of 3. NOTE: The proposed amendment recites the additional limitation "wherein the processing means simultaneously displays defect candidate distribution data in a wafer map format on the display screen and an enlarged <u>actual</u> image of a defect candidate on the display screen." This limitation requires additional searching and consideration after close prosecution. Thus, the amendment will not be entered.

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